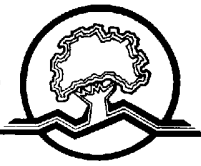


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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100
Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

July 3, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

Grant Application - Proposition 84 Funds Program of Continuous Park Improvement

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for a program of preservation, protection and restoration to ensure the continued use and enjoyment of natural and developed resources in the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$400,000 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Lisa Soghor, at (323) 221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Continuous Improvement Program		Amount of Request: \$ 400,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 400,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		Project Address: 26800 W Mulholland Hwy Calabasas, CA 91302	
		County	Senate District
		Los Angeles / Ventura	various
Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Assembly District various	
Email: Lisa.Soghor@mrca.ca.gov			
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Lisa Soghor, Deputy Executive Officer & Chief of Developed Resources		323-221-9944, x105	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Preservation, protection and restoration to ensure the continued use and enjoyment of natural and developed resources in the Upper Los Angeles River and Santa Monica Bay Watersheds.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description: <p>The Conservancy's land management cooperating agency, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), not only acquires land, but, more and more, must actively care for that land by providing safety, resource protection, access and programs for public use. To continue to provide safe and enjoyable public access and a high quality experience in all the parks that it manages, the MRCA must ensure the facilities in them are not only maintained in good condition, but are actively improved as public use dictates. The funding in place for the ongoing long-term maintenance of MRCA parks is not sufficient to include the activities necessary to provide for the enhancement, restoration and improvement of these parks.</p> <p>The MRCA is requesting funding for a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) for the parklands under its management. The attached list describes all of the locations where the CIP will be implemented. The purpose of the CIP will be to undertake minor site improvements to our facilities to continue providing a high quality park experience for our visitors. These facilities include trails, benches, picnic tables, fencing, signage, interpretive elements, drinking fountains, parking areas, irrigation and planting. These projects would increase the useful life of existing amenities and would improve the visitor experience.</p> <p>Some of the minor site improvements contemplated include installation or replacement of site</p>			

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fixtures including fencing, signage, park benches, picnic tables, interpretive displays, plantings and other park amenities. The heavy public use of MRCA parks creates noticeable wear and tear on the facilities, and some parks suffer from chronic vandalism. The frequent use of items like benches and tables, signs, and irrigation equipment means that these elements have a shorter-than-normal lifetime, and require periodic replacement.

Pursuant to Section 75005(m) of the Public Resources Code, "Protection" means those actions necessary to prevent harm or damages to persons, property or natural resources or those actions necessary to allow the continued use and enjoyment of property or natural resources and includes acquisition, development, restoration, preservation and interpretation.

Pursuant to Section 75005(n) of the Public Resources Code. "Restoration" includes the improvement of physical structures or facilities and in the case of natural systems and landscape features other plant and wildlife habitat improvements to increase the natural value of the property.

The requested funding will be used to prioritize and implement improvements to provide a safe and satisfying experience for the public. The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin July 9, 2007 and end no earlier than June 30, 2009.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Improvements	\$ 400,000	June 30, 2009

Acquisition Projects:	APN(s): n/a
	Acreage: n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Interim Form SMM-001

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ♦ THE RESOURCES AGENCY

Santa Monica Bay Watershed

Property Name	Acres
Corral Canyon	339
Escondido Canyon	104
Happy Camp	3000
Las Virgenes View Trail	200
Westridge-Mandeville Canyon	1518
Red Rock Canyon Park	190
Rocky Peak	70% of 4815
Sage Ranch	70% of 625
Seminole Overlook	
Stone Canyon Overlook- 50%	
Topanga Canyon-Ed Edelman Park	257
Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve	75%- 2773

Upper Los Angeles River Watershed

Property Name	Acres
Dixie Canyon	20
Elyria Canyon Park	35
Garden of the Gods	24
Joughin Ranch	1733
Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park	15
Nancy Hoover Pohl Overlook	
Rocky Peak- 30% of 4815	30% of 4815
Sage Ranch- 30% 625	30% of 625
San Vicente Mountain Park	5
Stone Canyon Overlook- 50%	
Studio City- Outdoor Classroom	3.5
Summit Overlook	
The Grove Overlook	
Topanga Canyon Park- Top of Topanga Overlook	9
Universal Overlook	
Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve	25% of 2773
Wilacre	116
Wilson Canyon	242